

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, UNWFC  
SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND A RICE AGREEMENT

1. EMBOFF CHECKED WITH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL STAFF, GOETZ, ON  
STATUS ON CONSULTATIONS ON PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL FOR AN INTER-  
NATIONAL RICE AGREEMENT.

2. GOETZ SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL HAD SAID THEY  
HAD THEIR HANDS FULL WITH WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS AND COULD NOT  
TAKE ON RICE. GOETZ SAYS WFC BELIEVES NOTHING SHOULD BE  
DONE TO SLOW UP WHEAT TALKS.

3. GOETZ SAID UNCTAD WAS WILLING TO ADD RICE TO CORE COMMODI-  
TIES IF PRODUCERS WANTED IT, BUT LEFT IT TO WFC TO CHECK OUT  
PRODUCER POSITIONS. MATTER COULD BE CONSIDERED BY UNCTAD AT  
SEPTEMBER IDC MEETING.

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4. WFC PRESIDENT TANCO HAS CALLED A MEETING OF ASEAN  
COUNTRIES IN JAKARTA ON JULY 20 TO OBTAIN A READING  
ON ASIAN RICE PRODUCERS' POSITIONS. SUPPOSEDLY THAIS  
WHO HAVE BEEN COOL TO A RICE AGREEMENT ARE GOING TO  
MAKE A PROPOSAL.

5. OTHER IDEAS BEING CONSIDERED BY GOETZ ARE THE DORMANT ESCAP-ASIAN RICE TRADE FUND AND A VAGUE JAPANESE IDEA OF A \$2 BILLION FUND TO DEVELOP ASIAN RICE PRODUCTION. THE LATTER IDEA IS BEING PUSHED BY A K. TAKASE IN TOKYO WHO IS WITH THE OVERSEAS ECONOMIC COOPERATION FUND.

6. TANCO SEEMS TO BE RUNNING THIS SHOW WITH THE ROME STAFF OF THE WFC TRYING TO DEEP UP WITH HIM.  
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